

August 24, 1927.

Professor Alfred O. Woodward,^f
Pomona College,
Claremont, California.

Dear Professor Woodward^f:

In reference to San Gabriel Mountains, your letter
August 16:

The United States Geographic Board has rendered no decision respecting the name of these mountains. My own view, however, is that San Gabriel is the name that should be used. Sierra Madre is too pretentious for application to this little group. As intimated by you the U. S. Geological Survey, the Geological Survey of California, and the California State Mining Bureau have used the name San Gabriel consistently for many years.

In 1914 Mr. Henry Gannett, as Chairman of this Board, undertook to list and define the mountains of the United States. He had the cooperation of geographers and geologists in all parts of the United States, but he died before the work was completed. A tentative list, however, was compiled and copies of this or parts of it were mailed to those cooperating, for examination and criticism. In this manuscript list I find San Gabriel Mountains defined as limited north and south by Mohave Desert and Los Angeles Valley; and east and west by Cajon Pass and Southern Pacific Railroad.

I'll refer this case to the Board for consideration and decision during the coming fall or winter.

Very truly yours,

James McCormick,
Secretary.